Amendments to the Specification

In the first sentence after the title, please insert:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 6, and ending at line 18, with the following paragraph.

The preferred polyolefin compositions are flexible polyolefin compositions comprising (percent by weight):

- 55-75%, preferably 55-70%, of a crystalline propylene homopolymer or copolymer containing up to 15% of ethylene and/or C₄-C₁₀ α-olefin(s) and having a an-MFR value of from 15 to 80 g/10 min; and
- 2) 25-45%, preferably 30-45%, of a copolymer of ethylene with one or more C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s) containing from 15 to 40% of said C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s);

said compositions having values of MFR (230 °C, 2.16 kg) equal to or higher than 15 g/10 min, a total content of ethylene of 20% or more, a total content of C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s) of 6% or more, a ratio of the total content of ethylene to the total content of C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s) of 2.3 or more, a total fraction soluble in xylene at room temperature of 18 wt% or higher, preferably at least 20 wt%, and an intrinsic viscosity value of the fraction soluble in xylene at room temperature of 1.7 dl/g or less, preferably of 1.5 dl/g or less.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19, and ending at line 20, with the following paragraph.

The compositions of the present invention have preferably <u>a an-MFR</u> value in the range of from 15 g/10 to 40 g/10 min.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, and ending at page 3, line 1, with the following paragraph.

Particularly preferred features for the compositions of the present invention are:

content of <u>fraction polymer</u>-insoluble in xylene at room temperature (23 °C) (substantially equivalent to the Isotacticity Index) for component 1): not less than

- 90%, in particular not less than 93%, said percentages being by weight and referred to the weight of component 1);
- a total content of ethylene from 20% to 40% by weight;
- a total content of C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s) from 6% to 15% by weight;
- a flexural modulus value less than 770 MPa, but preferably higher than 600 MPa, more preferably higher than 650 MPa;
- fraction soluble in xylene at room temperature: less than 35%, more preferably less than 30% by weight;
- intrinsic viscosity of the fraction soluble in xylene at room temperature in the range from 0.8 to 1.5 dl/g.